

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph [0004] with the following amended paragraph:

[0004] Hair curlers are known which have a cylindrical body with bristles that are prongs extending radially outward. These types of hair curlers are heated for example by an electrical current flows through an internal heater which generates heat, and after heating the hair curler body is heated, it is removed from the heater and hair is wrapped around the hair curler and held in place by a pin, so as to impart a curl to the hair (for example, see Unexamined Japanese Utility Model Publication JP-05-28790-U).

Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following amended paragraph:

[0005] However, as the bodies of such conventional hair curlers were simply formed of plastic, there were problems such as that when these curlers were used to impart a curl to the hair, the hair was damaged by the heat, the hair lost shine, and it was difficult to set fine hair. Furthermore, since the thermal retention efficiency of the plastic was poor, it was not possible to reduce the setting time.

Please replace paragraph [0006] with the following amended paragraph:

[0006] There have been attempts to solve some of the problems in conventional hair curlers. There exist hair curlers formed of a heat resistant resin to which is admixed a multi-element mineral powder, formed by crushing a multi-element mineral as discussed for example in Examined Japanese Utility Model Publication JP-3045250-U.

Please amend paragraph [0023] as follows:

[0023] The heater 13 serves to heat the curler body 9. In the present embodiment, a PTC thermistor is used as heater 13. Note that, in the

drawing, reference numeral 41 indicates a cap for the curler mount 6. A thermolabel 17 is provided on the hair curlers 2 which displays when the curler body 9 has reached a suitable temperature, for example, thermolabel 17 is red before heating and turns black after heating.